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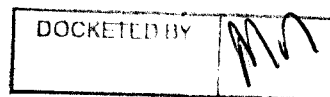
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Ms. Kristin Mayes, Commissioner
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 W. Washington, 2nd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Mayes:

Congratulations on the Commission's decision to approve the Solana Generating Station-Solar Power Plant to be built just outside of Gila Bend in partnership with APS. This is an enormous step toward the vision you described in your remarks at GPEC's *A Bright Solar Future for Arizona* in early November. With the condition of the economy, Arizona can use some good news.

The purpose of this letter is to offer strong support for APS' request for adequate rate adjustments. In my judgment, not only are appropriate rate increases necessary to cover current operating costs, but APS greatly needs to improve their financial ratings in order to facilitate the Solana project. Even more important are their long-term future infrastructure needs. Now is the time to act to help put the revenue streams in place to prepare for the future capital requirements as APS braces for the continuing anticipated growth in our state.

As you know, strong utility company's infrastructure is one of the key factors for economic development and managed growth. I offer support for adjustments needed to cover costs of operation and the structural preparation considered necessary to protect the long-term health of APS.

Thank you for your public service and continued success as you care for this key enterprise in our state.

Sincerely,

Roc Arnett
President and CEO

cc: Gary Pierce, Arizona Corporation Commission

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